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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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**PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR S-978**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A REVISED AGENDA**

**PLEASE NOTE: S-1090 & H-5544 HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Michael D. Grey VICE Barbara Cottam as the Chairperson to the Rhode Island Board of Education to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Appointment of Christopher S. LaRoux (Representing Public Library Trustees) VICE Robert H. Sloan, Jr. to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2025.

Appointment of Karisa J. Tashjian (Representing General Library Users) VICE Marcus Mitchell to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Appointment of Catherine M. Wodehouse (Representing Special Libraries) VICE Amanda Richman to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2025.

Appointment of Tien Tran (Representing Small Public Libraries) VICE Annette Feldman to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Appointment of Jessica David (Representing General Library Users) VICE Cristina M. Amedeo to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Appointment of Laura E. Kohl (Representing Librarian/Academic Library) VICE Rosita E. Hopper to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2025.

Appointment of Cheryl L. Space (Representing Medium/Large Public Libraries) VICE John N. Bucci to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Appointment of Michelle Steever (Representing Librarian/School Libraries) VICE Heidi Blais to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 31, 2025.

Reappointment of Robert J. Delaney to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Reappointment of Sandra Matrone Mack, Esq. to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Reappointment of Daniel P. Egan to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Reappointment of Lawrence E. Purtill to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

### **SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Senate Bill No. [190](#)**

**BY Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Quezada, Kallman, Miller, Bell**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC279/1} (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to ratify collective bargaining agreements entered on behalf of the Providence public school district at a public hearing at least 7 days after a tentative agreement is made public.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/03/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

#### **Senate Bill No. [191](#)**

**BY Acosta, DiPalma, Kallman, Valverde, Euer**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC1227/1} (Assigns additional duties to the commissioner of on postsecondary education, including preparing strategic plan for public higher education provides for equitable distribution of public funds and adopts an outcomes based model.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/26/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/31/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

#### **Senate Bill No. [486](#)**

**BY Acosta, Britto, Gallo, Tikoian, Lauria, Cano, McKenney, Zurier, Quezada, DiPalma**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC1068/1} (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to provide professional support/assistance to LEAs regarding effective ways to use data such as the LEA's budget and demographics, school culture, and assessments to improve student performance.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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05/12/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/17/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [494](#)**

**BY Gallo, Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC2304/1} (Repeals the requirement that the school committee policy manual be kept in the school library, public library and administrative building and require that the manual be available on the school district website.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/26/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/31/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [766](#)**

**BY Cano, Acosta, Britto, DiPalma, Mack, Burke, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, McKenney**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC2268/1} (Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.)

03/23/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/24/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [767](#)**

**BY Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, Pearson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT {LC2538/1} (Requires every school district/local education agency/city/town to report each fiscal year relating to funding/ administrative/program information from the American Rescue plan, elementary/secondary school emergency relief, and state/local recovery funds.)

03/23/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/14/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [978](#)**

**BY Cano, Acosta, Pearson, Lauria, DiPalma, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Burke**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC2897/1} (Allows the Progreso Latino/Progreso Excellence Academy in the city of Central Falls to accept students who are not residents of Central Falls.)

05/15/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/24/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [463](#)**

**BY Gallo, Pearson, DiMario, Cano, Murray, Lawson, LaMountain, Valverde, Zurier, Burke ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC1866/1}** (Develops a plan to expand public, high quality prekindergarten education programs available to all children ages three (3) and four (4) throughout Rhode Island to increase children's school readiness and makes fund available to sustain all classrooms.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/26/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [488](#)**

**BY Acosta, Lawson, Mack, Picard, Gallo, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS {LC1758/1}** (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2023.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/14/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [496](#)**

**BY Gallo, Lombardo, Acosta, DiPalma, Ciccone, Gu ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS {LC2321/1}** (Revises the course requirements for the fast-track principal certification program.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/14/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [188](#)**

**BY F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT {LC1437/1}** (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/08/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [483](#)**

**BY Sosnowski, DiPalma, Gallo, Rogers, Britto, Felag**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC2034/1} (Provides that school policies which provide for excused absences for participation in a sport or other extracurricular activity be amended and deemed to include attending agricultural fairs as an excused absence.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education  
04/14/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/19/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
06/05/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**Senate Bill No. [1090](#)**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY Gallo, Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC1647/1} (Amends the provisions of law relative to eligibility for attendance for kindergarten students.)

06/02/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Education  
06/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5544](#)**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY Donovan, Cortvriend, Spears**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC1614/1} (Amends the provisions of law relative to eligibility for attendance for kindergarten students.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education  
02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/01/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
03/17/2023 Scheduled for consideration  
03/22/2023 Committee recommends passage  
03/31/2023 Placed on House Calendar  
04/06/2023 House read and passed  
06/05/2023 Referred to Senate Education  
06/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

Senate Bill No. [978 SUB A](#)  
{LC2897/A/1}

### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION**

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34. Livestreaming is available at

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

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**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 3:53 PM**